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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- EXECUTIVE YUAN IN WIDE-RANGING REPORT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING EXISTING ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS WHILE AT SAME TIME CLOSELY WATCHING U.S.-PRC CONTACTS. REPORT REVIEWED U.S.-ROC AND U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIPS IN 1975, INCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD'S DECEMBER TRIP TO PEKING, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S TAIPEI VISIT AND VISITS BY 17 U.S. CONGRESS MEMBERS AS WELL AS 61 CONGRESSIONAL AIDES. IT WAS NOTED THAT EIGHT MORE AMERICAN FACTORIES WERE ESTABLISHED IN TAIWAN DURING THE LATER PART OF 1975 WITH A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF NEARLY \$30-MILLION.

--MEANWHILE, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO REPORTEDLY
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DIRECTED MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO GO ALL-OUT

IN EXPANDING FOREIGN TRADE, INCLUDING INCREASED EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF EXPORT QUALITY CONTROLS, POINTING OUT REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS FAR AHEAD IN THIS RESPECT AND HAD ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS.

-- ROC PLANS PRESENT 250-FOOT LUNAR LANDING MONUMENT TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT, ACCORDING TO LEE SHIH-FENG, PRESIDENT, BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF CHINA (BCC) AND SPOKESMAN FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. MONUMENT WOULD REPORTEDLY BE ERECTED EITHER IN HOUSTON OR DALLAS. AMONG APPROXIMATELY 80 COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE: FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE K. C. YEH; DR. CHIEN SHIH-LIANG, PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIA SINICA; DR. S. S. SHU, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, AND TAIPEI MAYOR CHANG FENG-SHU. NEWSPAPERS SAID WEALTHY INDUSTRIALISTS WANG YUNG-CHING AND C. F. KOO HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT.

-- NEWSWEEK, INTERNATIONAL EDITION, FEBRUARY 9 BANNED.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY DRAMA PROFESSOR HUANG CHIUNG-CHIU WROTE LETTER TO CPAO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR NEW TRANSLATED WORKS, THE AMERICAN NOVEL AND CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETRY. PROFESSOR HUANG ALSO ADDED "I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND YOUR EFFICIENT STAFF FOR SENDING ME THE VALUABLE PERIODICAL, DIALOGUE, AND INFORMATION ON ...U.S. ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (POST NOTE: FROM IPS FILE) WHICH ARE MOST VALUABLE TO MY TEACHING AND RESEARCH."
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